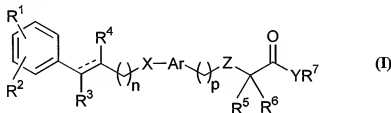


Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims set forth below with amendments as indicated will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (I):



wherein

- R¹ and R² may be same or different and independently represent hydrogen, halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, hydroxy or optionally substituted group selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, aralkoxycarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxy, aralkoxy, aralkoxycarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl, fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl (Fmoc), fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino (NFmoc), -OSO₂R⁸, -OCONR⁸R⁹, -NR⁸COOR⁹, -NR⁸COR⁹, -NR⁸R⁹, -NR⁸SO₂R⁹, -NR⁸CONR⁹R¹⁰, -NR⁸CSNR⁸R⁹, -SO₂R⁸, -SOR⁸, -SR⁸, -SO₂NR⁸R⁹, -SO₂OR⁸, -CONR⁸R⁹, -COOR⁹ or -COR₉, wherein R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ may be same or different and independently represent hydrogen, optionally substituted group selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy or heteroaryl;
- or R¹ and R² together represent a monocyclic or polycyclic **aromatic or** nonaromatic ring or an aromatic ring fused to a non aromatic ring **or**

polycyclic aromatic ring, which may optionally contain 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from N, S, or O and may be unsubstituted or have 1 to 4 substituents which may be identical or different;

R³ represents hydrogen, halogen, optionally substituted group selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkanoyl, aryl, aroyl, aralkyl or aralkanoyl group;

R⁴ represents hydrogen, halogen, optionally substituted group selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkanoyl, aroyl, aralkyl or aralkanoyl group;

'n' represents 0-6;

'p' represents 0;

X represents O, S, NR where R represents hydrogen or optionally substituted group selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkanoyl, or aroyl;

Ar represents optionally substituted phenyl;

Z represents O, S, NR where R is as defined above;

R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ may be same or different and independently represent hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen or optionally substituted group selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl or heteroaralkyl groups;

or R⁵ and R⁶ together may form a 5 or 6 membered cyclic rings, which may contain one or two hetero atoms selected from O, S or N;

Y represents O or NR¹¹ where R¹¹ represents hydrogen, optionally substituted group selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkanoyl, aroyl, aralkanoyl, heterocyclyl or heteroaryl;

or R⁷ and R¹¹ together may also form a 5 or 6 membered cyclic ring, which may contain one or two hetero atoms selected from O, S or N; and

'---' represents a bond or no bond;

or a stereoisomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

and

when the fused rings formed by R^1 and R^2 are substituted, the substituents are selected from alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, haloalkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, oxo, or thioxo;

when the groups represented by R^1 and R^2 are substituted, the substituents are selected from halogen, hydroxy, nitro, amino, oxo, thioxo, optionally substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfanyl, alkylsulfonyloxy, alkylsulfinyloxy or alkylsulfanyloxy, the substituents are selected from halogen, hydroxy, nitro, amino, cyano or alkyl;

when the groups represented by R , R^3 , R^4 and R^{11} are substituted, the substituents are selected from halogen, nitro, amino, hydroxy, alkyl, oxo or aralkyl;

when the groups represented by R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are substituted, the substituents are selected from halogen, hydroxy, nitro, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl or amino;

when the cyclic rings formed by R^5 and R^6 are substituted, the substituents are selected from alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, haloalkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, oxo, or thioxo; and

the groups defined for R , R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} and R^{11} may be unsubstituted, or have 1 to 4 substituents, which may be identical or different.

2. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein the stereoisomer is an enantiomer or a geometrical isomer.

3. - 5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R^1 and R^2 are same or different and independently represent hydrogen, halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, hydroxy or optionally substituted groups selected

from alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaralkoxy,
 $-\text{OSO}_2\text{R}^8$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^8$ or $-\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9$;

R^3 and R^4 are same or different and independently represent hydrogen, halogen,
 optionally substituted group selected from alkyl or aralkyl;

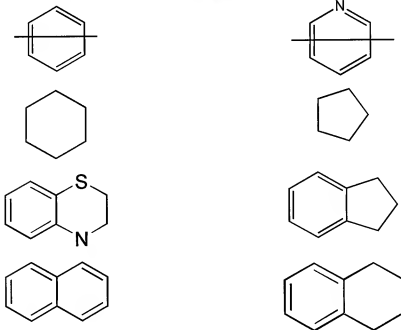
R^5 and R^6 are same or different and independently represent hydrogen, hydroxy,
 optionally substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl;

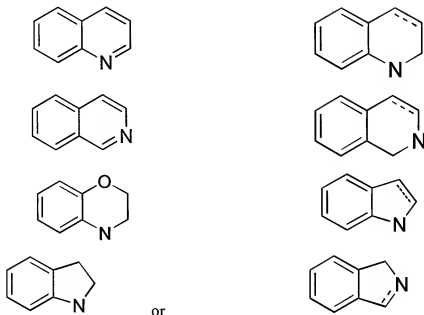
or R^5 and R^6 together represent a 5 or 6 membered aromatic or non aromatic
 cyclic ring system optionally containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from
 O, S or N; and

R^7 and R^{11} may form a cyclic ring system selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl,
 morpholinyl, piperazinyl, oxazolinyll or diazolinyl.

7. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein

R^1 and R^2 together represent an optionally substituted monocyclic or polycyclic
~~aromatic or~~ non aromatic ring or an aromatic ring fused to a non aromatic
 ring or polycyclic aromatic ring selected from:



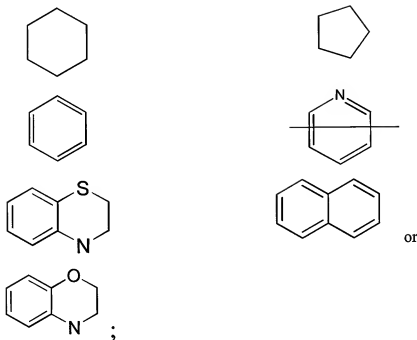


8. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

- R^1 and R^2 are same or different and independently represent hydrogen, halogen, nitro, amino, hydroxy or optionally substituted group selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaralkoxy or $-OSO_2R^8$;
- R^3 and R^4 are same or different and independently represent hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl; and
- R^5 and R^6 are same or different and independently represent hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl or aryl;
- or R^5 and R^6 together represent an optionally substituted 5 or 6 membered saturated cyclic ring system.

9. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

- R^1 and R^2 together represent an optionally substituted monocyclic or polycyclic ~~aromatic or~~ non aromatic ring or an aromatic ring fused to a non aromatic ring or polycyclic aromatic ring selected from:



R^3 and R^4 are same or different and independently represent hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl; and
 R^5 and R^6 are same or different and independently represent hydrogen, optionally substituted group selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl;
 or R^5 and R^6 together represent a 5 or 6 membered saturated cyclic ring system.

10. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is selected from $-\text{OSO}_2\text{CH}_3$, halogen, alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is selected from alkyl or halogen;
 R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are same or different and independently represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or propyl;
 Ar represents optionally substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is alkyl;
 X, Y and Z independently represent oxygen; and
 n represents 0 or 1.

11. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is selected from optionally substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is selected from halogen;

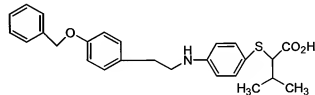
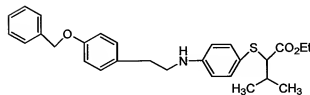
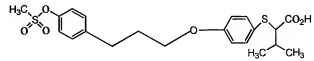
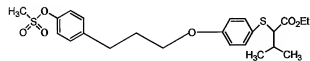
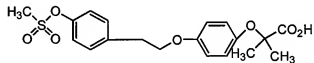
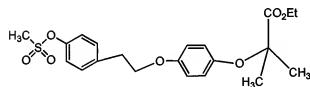
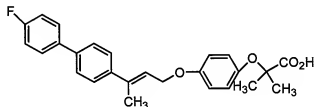
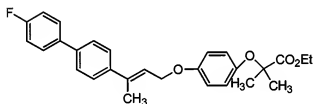
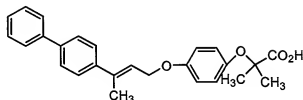
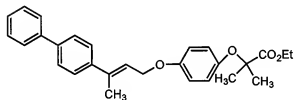
R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are same or different and independently represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or propyl;

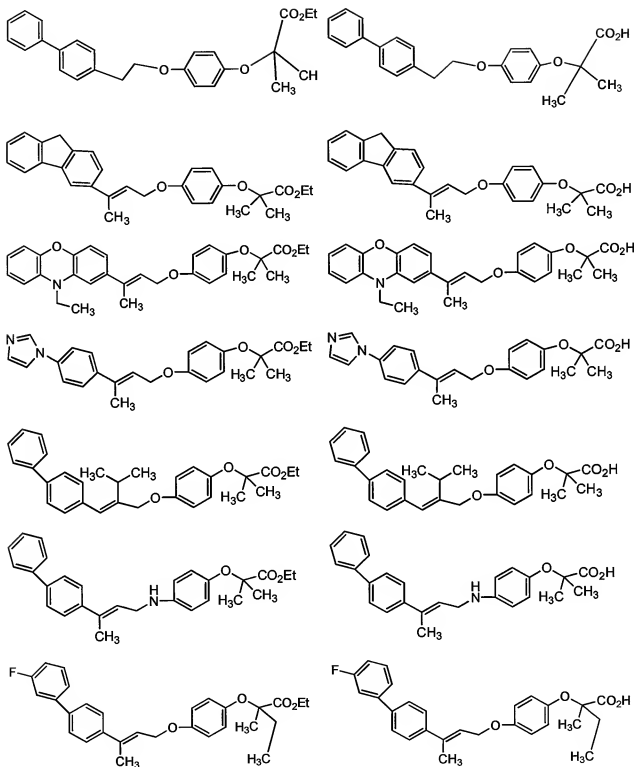
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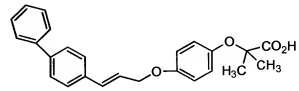
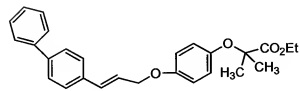
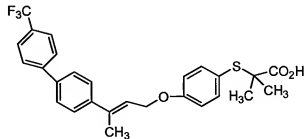
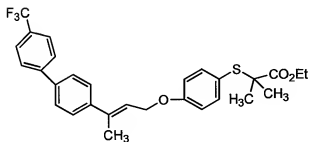
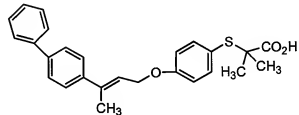
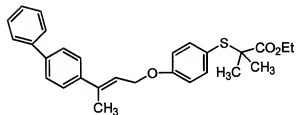
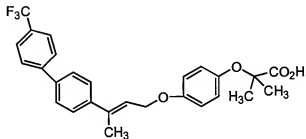
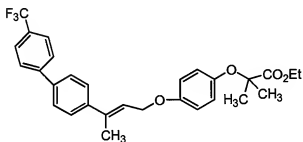
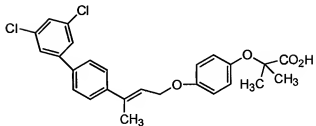
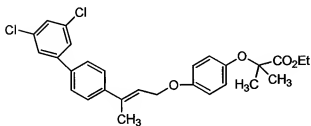
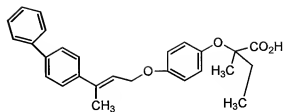
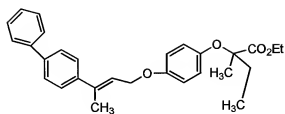
X, Y and Z independently represent oxygen; and

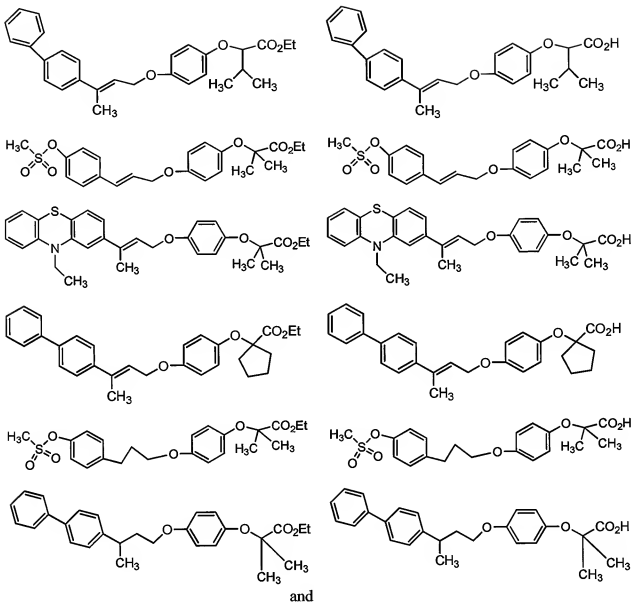
n represents 0 or 1.

12. (previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of:

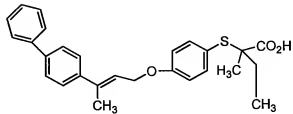
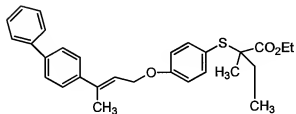
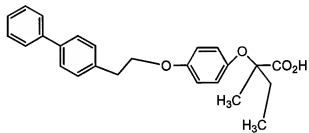
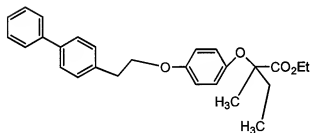
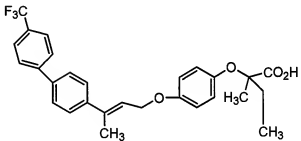
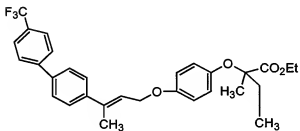
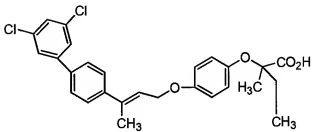
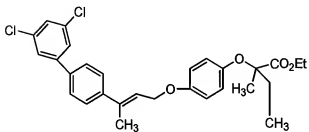
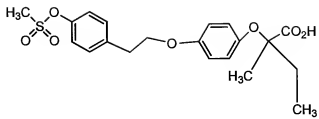
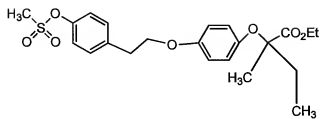


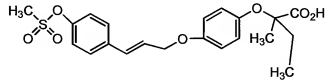
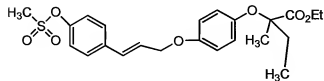
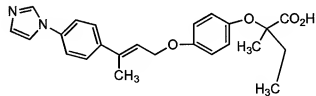
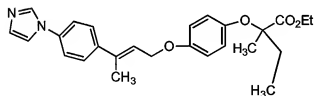
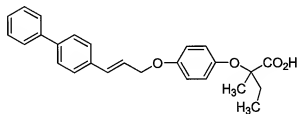
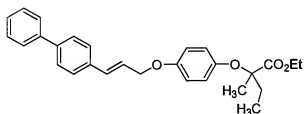
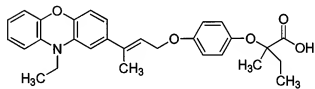
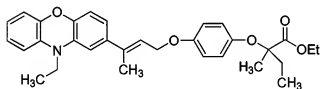
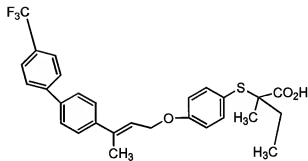
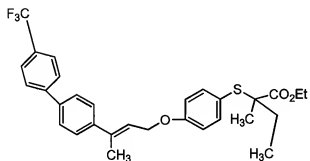
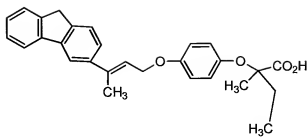
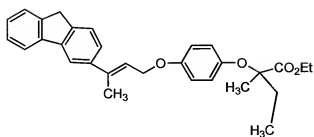


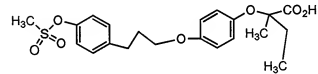
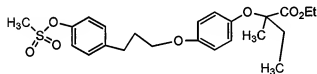
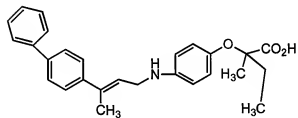
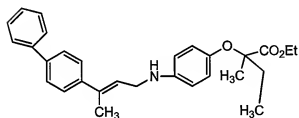
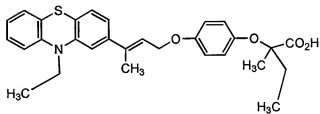
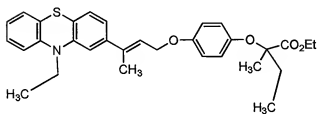
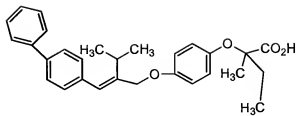
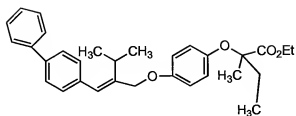




13. (previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of:

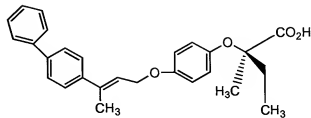
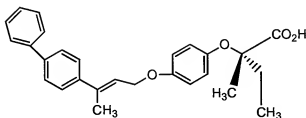


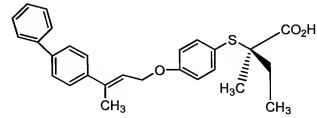
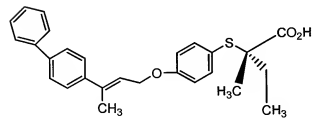
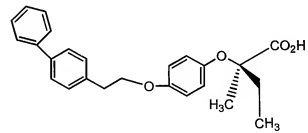
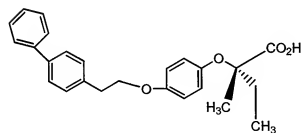
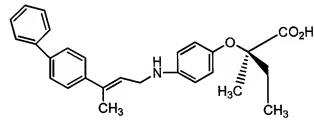
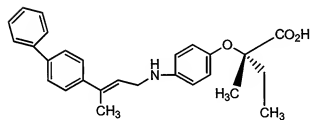
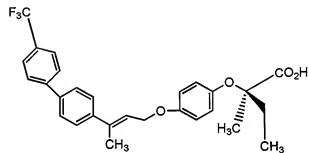
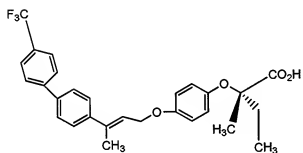
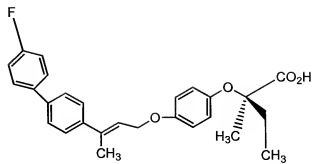
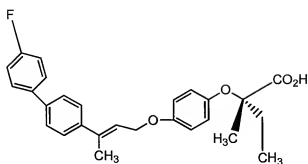


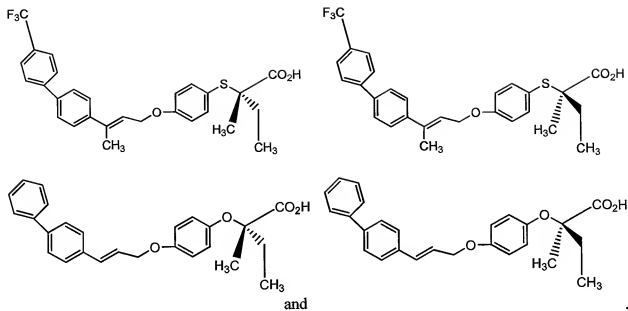


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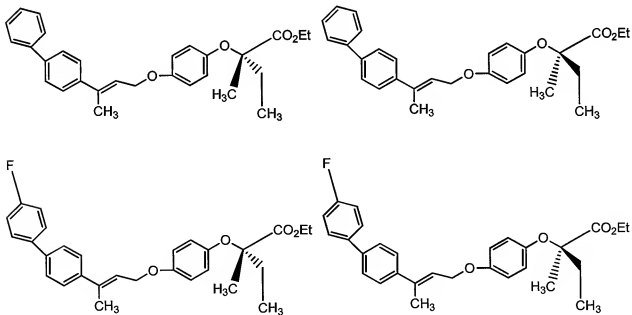
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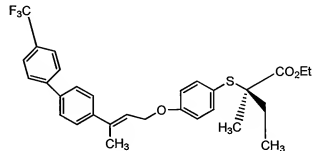
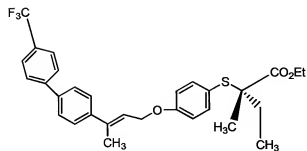
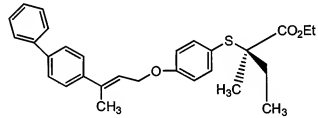
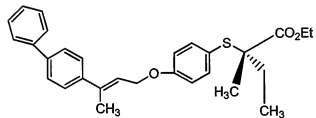
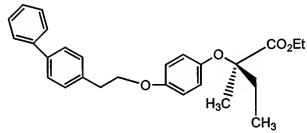
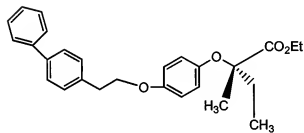
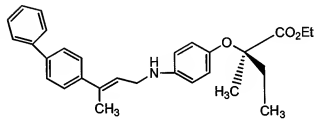
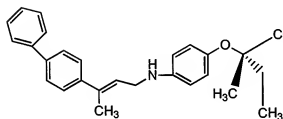
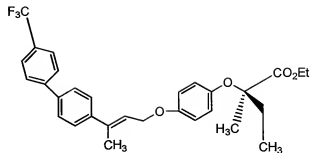
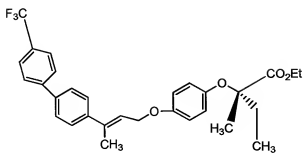


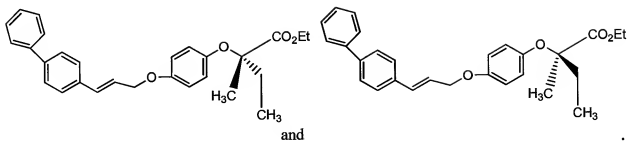




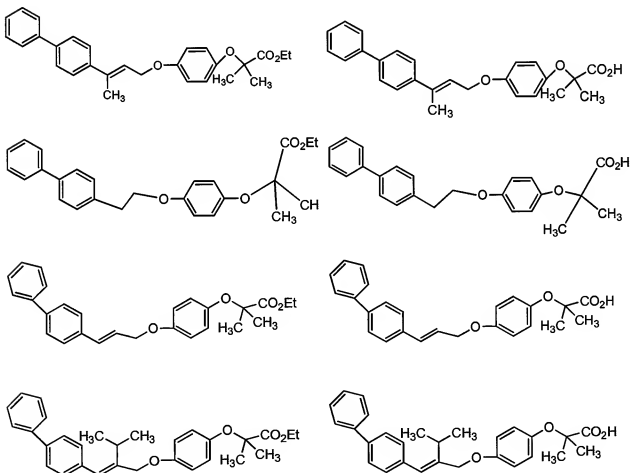
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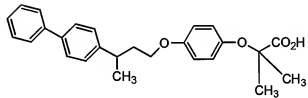
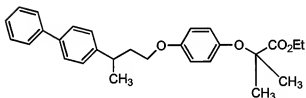
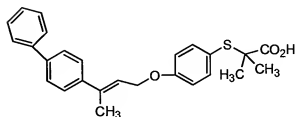
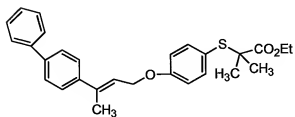
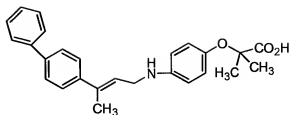
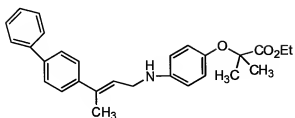






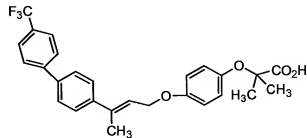
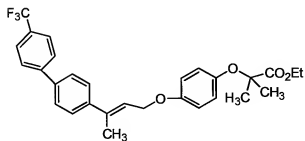
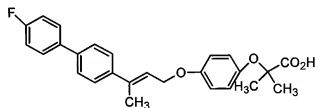
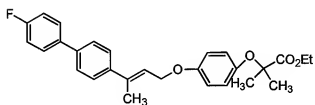
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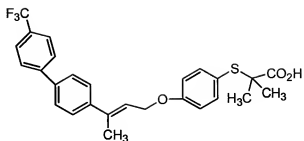
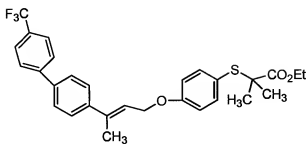




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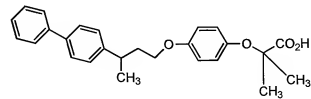
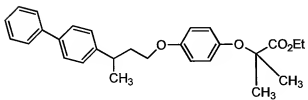
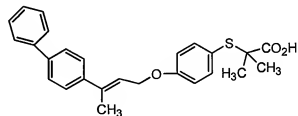
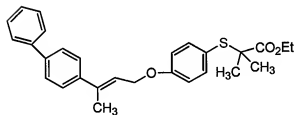
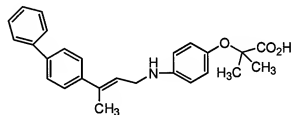
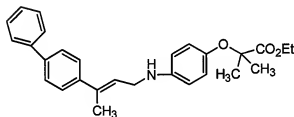
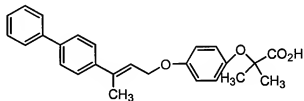
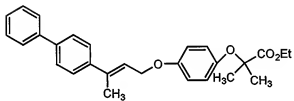
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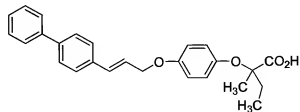
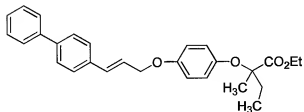
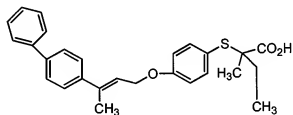
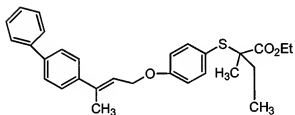
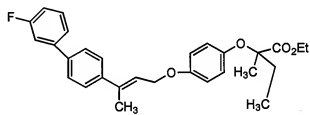
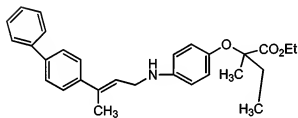
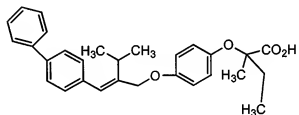
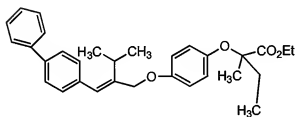
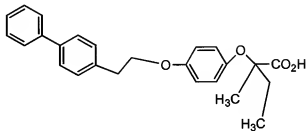
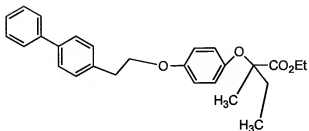
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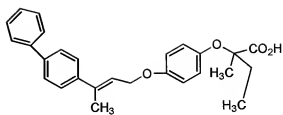
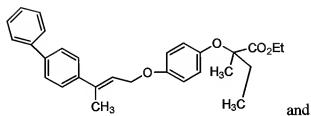
18. (previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of:



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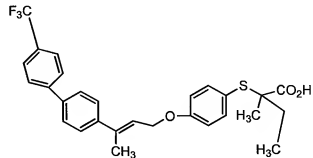
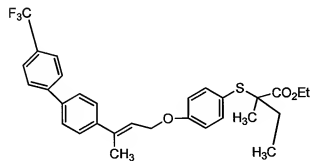
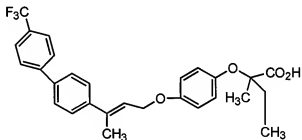
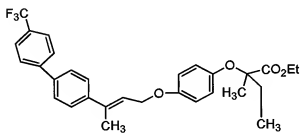
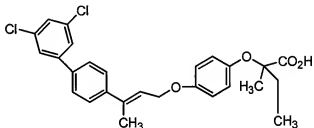
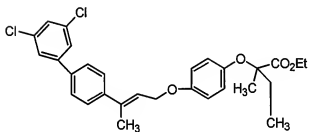
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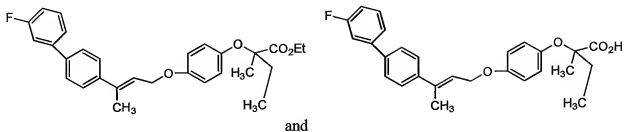




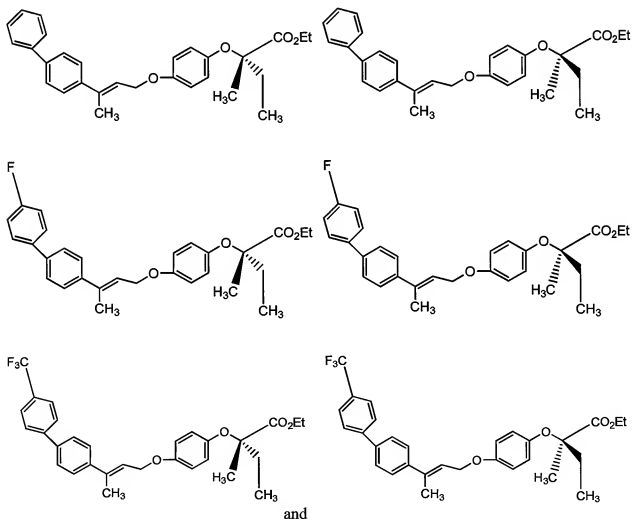
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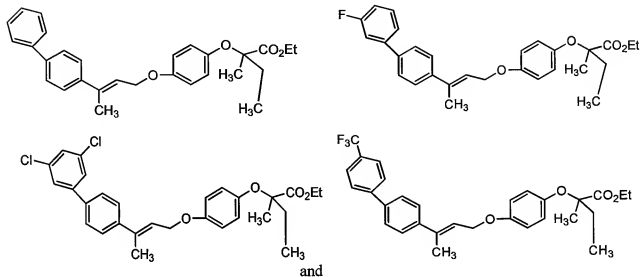




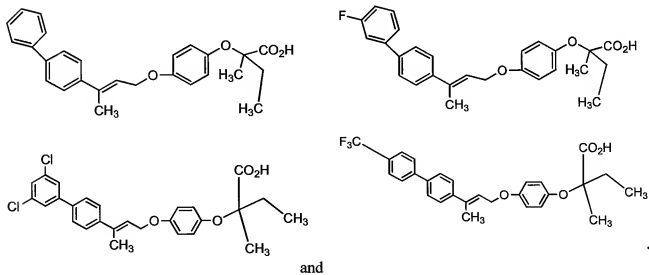
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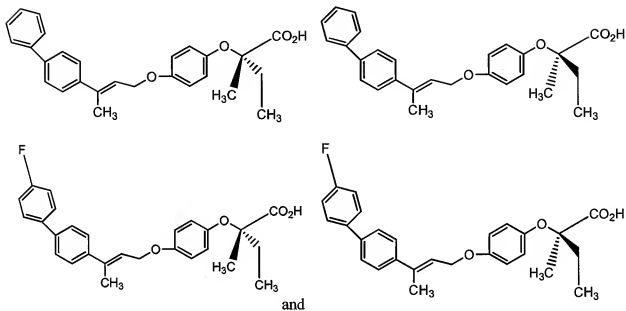
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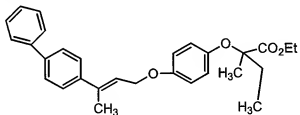
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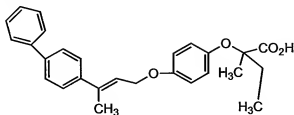
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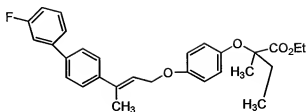
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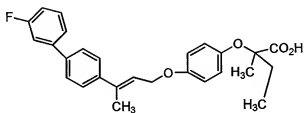
26. (previously presented) The compound of formula (1) as claimed in claim 1, which is



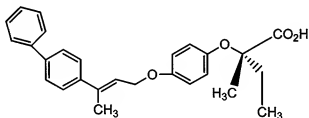
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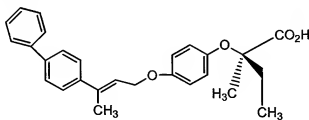
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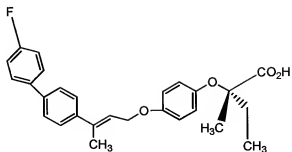
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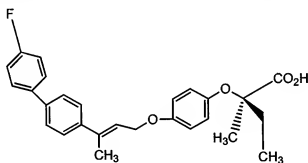
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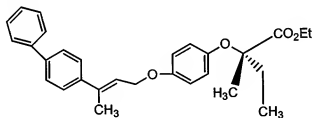
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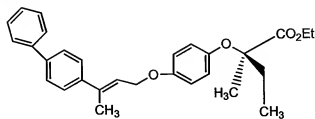
32. (previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, which is



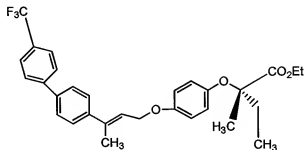
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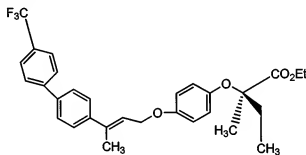
34. (previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, which is



35. (previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, which is

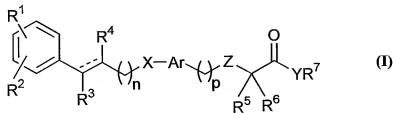


36. (previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, which is



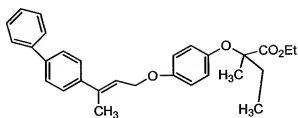
37. - 39. (canceled)

40. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition, which comprises a compound of formula (I):

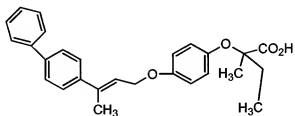


or a stereoisomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as defined in claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or an excipient.

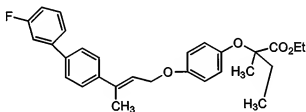
41. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



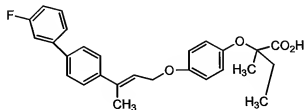
42. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



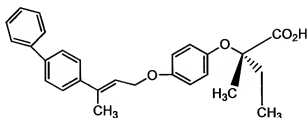
43. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



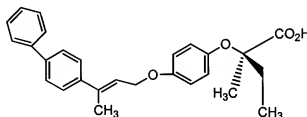
44. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



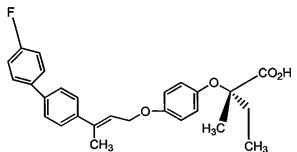
45. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



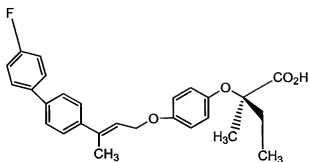
46. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



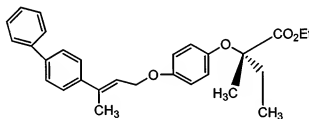
47. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



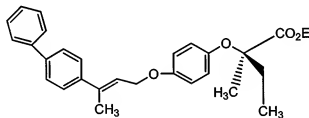
48. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



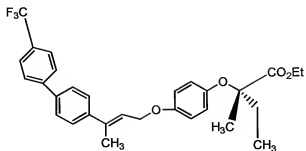
49. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



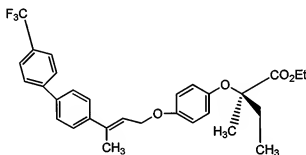
50. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



51. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



52. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40, wherein the compound is



53. (original) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 40 in the form of a tablet, capsule, powder, syrup, solution or suspension.
54. (withdrawn) A method for treating dyslipidemia in a patient comprising administering to said patient a compound of formula (I) or a stereoisomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as defined in claim 1.
55. (withdrawn) A method for treating diabetes caused by insulin resistance or impaired glucose tolerance comprising administering a compound of formula (I) or a stereoisomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as defined in claim 1.
56. - 57. (canceled)

58. (previously presented) A medicine for treating diabetes caused by dyslipidemia comprising administering a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 40 to a patient in need thereof.
59. (previously presented) A medicine for treating diabetes caused by insulin resistance or impaired glucose tolerance comprising administering a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 40 to a patient in need thereof.